

knew that the Hudson application would be denied prior to the date on which the decision was made public, July 14, nor that the opponents decreased their lobbying efforts in opposition to the casino as a result of receiving such information.

## **5. Other Tribal Opponents Continue Lobbying**

From June 21 through June 23, 1995, Oneida lobbyist Scott Dacey and Vice Chairman Gary Jordan met with a variety of individuals in Washington, including Interior Department personnel, to discuss the Hudson casino application and, to a lesser extent, other Indian law issues. Dacey summarized the events in a June 28, 1995 memorandum to Jordan. The document describes a meeting with John Duffy (also attended by St. Croix tribal attorney Howard Bichler) at which the Oneida representatives presented their position with respect to the Hudson proposal, and informed Duffy of the intention of the Stockbridge-Munsee tribe to establish a casino at the dog track in Kaukauna, Wis.<sup>343</sup> According to Dacey's memorandum, Duffy indicated his awareness of Stockbridge-Munsee interest in the Kaukauna dog track. Dacey reported that, with

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<sup>342</sup>(...continued)

Larry Kitto

- a) Hudson - Lawyer
- b) DNC - Comm to ReE
- c) Letters follow up?
- d) What about Ickes?
- e) What about Foley.

The meaning of these last two notes is unclear even to O'Connor himself. No one has ever suggested, however, that Kitto had any role in communicating with Ickes or the White House. It should be noted that O'Connor was abroad for about 10 days in mid-June 1995, including June 19, when he spoke by phone with Kitto.

<sup>343</sup>The Stockbridge-Munsee plan was of particular concern to the Oneida, who feared that approval of a Hudson casino would lead to casinos at several dog tracks in southeastern Wisconsin. This concern stemmed from the belief that such casinos would take away a large portion of the Chicago market for the Oneida casino in Oneida, Wis., adjacent to Green Bay.